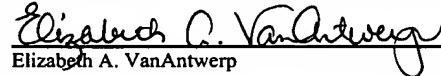


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TITLE: PIEZOELECTRIC ELEMENT AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION THEREOF

1. Type of Application

This is a request for filing a **DIVISIONAL APPLICATION** under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), of pending prior application:

Serial No.:	10/072,297	Prior Art Unit:	2834
Filed:	February 7, 2002	Prior Examiner:	Mark Budd
Title:	PIEZOELECTRIC ELEMENT AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION THEREOF		
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2. Papers Enclosed

A. Required for filing date under 37 CFR 1.53(b) (Regular) are:

- 44 Page(s) of Specification
- 2 Page(s) of Claims
- 1 Page(s) of Abstract
- 6 Sheets of Formal Drawings (Figs. 1(a)-8)

B. Other Papers Enclosed

- A Patent Application Bibliographic Data Sheet
- A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the prior application
- A Preliminary Amendment
- Information Disclosure Statement
- Form PTO-1449

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4. Nonpublication Request Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

- Applicants hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
- Applicants hereby request that the attached application **not be** published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

5. Relate Back

A. 35 U.S.C. 119(e)

- Priority of provisional application Serial No. _____ filed _____, is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e).

B. 35 U.S.C. 120, 121 and 365(c)

- Priority of said prior application(s) is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120.

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
10/072,297	February 7, 2002	Parent
09/953,674	September 17, 2001	Grandparent

C. 35 U.S.C. 119 Priority Claim for Prior Application

[x] Priority of foreign application(s) is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 as follows:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2000-286115	September 20, 2000
Japan	2001-388,313	December 20, 2001

[x] A certified copy of **Japanese Application No. 2000-286,115** was filed in prior application Serial No. 09/953,674 on September 17, 2001.
 [x] A certified copy of **Japanese Application No. 2001-388,313** was filed in prior application Serial No. 10/072,297 on June 17, 2002.

6. Assignment

The prior application is assigned of record to **NGK Insulators, Ltd.** at Reel 012956, Frame(s) 0777 (recorded June 4, 2002).

7. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

Basic Filing fee (37 CFR §1.16(a))				\$ 750.00
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